

IN THE CLAIMS

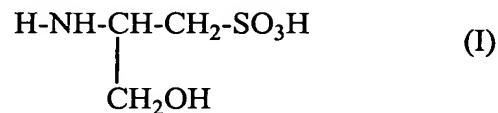
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or suppressing obesity in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an anti-obesity agent comprising:

D-cysteinolic acid represented by Formula I, as an active ingredient:

Formula I:



Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or suppressing obesity in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an anti-obesity agent comprising a material selected from the group consisting of sea lettuce and an extract from sea lettuce as an active ingredient.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or suppressing obesity in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an anti-obesity agent comprising an extract from sea lettuce obtained with ~~hot~~ water at a temperature of 50-70°C, as an active ingredient.

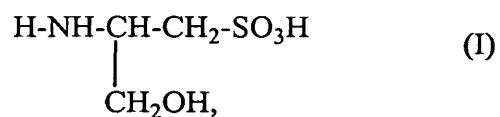
Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or suppressing obesity in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an anti-obesity agent comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of D-cysteinolic acid, represented by Formula I:



sea lettuce, and an extract from sea lettuce, as an active ingredient.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 17, 21, 25 and 30 have each been amended to make explicit what was at least implicit, i.e., that the universe of subjects are those in need of an anti-obesity agent, and that the amount administered is an effective amount therefor.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 17-28 and 30 remain pending in the application.